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The Microsoft Settlement, in its current form, offers little protection to consumers from monopolistic practices. Microsoft is permitted to continue bundling unnecessary software with its operating system. And it may continue to exclude competition through license agreements.

The license agreements are the greatest threat to consumers. They prohibit computer makers from using any software but Microsoft. The software license prohibits a user from researching software problems, even if Microsoft refuses to acknowledge those problems.

These license provisions allow Microsoft to run roughshod over consumers. And only strengthen its monopoly position. The current settlement does not appear to address these issues.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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"Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" -- Matthew 6:25b